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Manitoulin Island "Landing Traces"

By Michel Deschamps

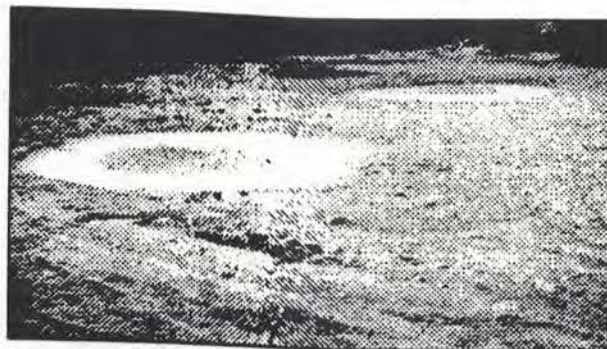
In November 1990, I was at my workplace when I heard on the radio that there was going to be a show on crop circles, that same afternoon. I went home for lunch and came back with my cassette recorder because I wanted to record the program, which I did.

While listening to the show, I heard the hostess say that crop circles have been discovered near Sudbury. I soon got in touch with her and she gave me the name of someone who had apparently taken photographs of the circles. I called the person and we arranged to meet at his apartment so that I could view the photographs.

When I got there, I was shown two strips of negatives consisting of four exposures: two were individual shots of each circle and the other two were showing both formations together, with people and a pickup truck in the background.

I couldn't really see any details, but I did notice that the circles had been formed on gravel and limestone. I found this peculiar because crop circles are usually created in crop fields and not on hard surfaces like rock and gravel!

At that moment, I knew that we weren't dealing with the crop circle phenomena, although it had been reported as such.



Manitoulin Island

I was told that the photos had been taken on Manitoulin Island, in mid-September 1990. I asked the photographer if I could borrow the negatives and he told me I could have them.

Seven months went by before I had the chance to go to the Island. In June 1991, when I finally went there, I headed for the small town of Spring Bay, and found the site approximately 1/4 mile west of town.

The circles were located about 1/4 mile from the main road, in an area consisting of gravel and limestone that is completely surrounded by trees.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

By Victor Lourenco

MUFON's Provincial Director for Ontario

The Editor apologizes for the technical discrepancies revealed on our first issue of March. Particularly for not having given **Errol Bruce Knapp** the deserved credits for the excellent article he wrote about 'The Carp case - The MUFON ONTARIO version'.

One of the obstacles to our consolidation seems to be related to misunderstandings and inability to follow the proper procedures regarding the education process of people involved with the investigative work.

Contrary to what some of us might think, a good Field Investigator profile is based on the inseparable duality of theoretical and practical knowledge.

The Mutual UFO Network, Inc. as an international scientific organization, is composed of people seriously interested in studying and researching the phenomenon known as Unidentified Flying Objects by combining their mutual talents, areas of expertise and investigative efforts.

Field Investigators are trained and high standards of professionalism are required by MUFON. As objective, scientific researchers, MUFON Field Investigators uphold the confidentiality of witnesses and case information.

Investigators are volunteers who conduct research at their own expense, and attempt to document sighting information in a thorough and unbiased manner.

The "MUFON FIELD INVESTIGATORS MANUAL", first published in 1983, provides effective guidelines, techniques and suggestions to members conducting UFO sighting interviews and investigations.

The MUFON Board of Directors has adopted the Field Investigator's Examination for ongoing use, (available through MUFON Provincial Director). Together with UFO case experience and related organizational involvement, the exam constitutes a

primary means to evaluate the trainee's potential for advancement to field investigator status.

The exam comprises one hundred questions in twelve specific areas: light and optics, sound, electrical/magnetic properties, physical traces, photography, radio and radar, celestial objects, atmosphere and weather, conventional vehicles, witness reactions, and the UFO experience.

This is a so-called "take home" exam. In total there are sixty multiple-choice questions, thirty-one true/false items, and nine to fill in the blank.

You may take as long as necessary to complete it, and you may use any resource available. The majority of answers can be readily found in a dictionary or encyclopedia. The remainder are major findings of one or more basic texts on the subject or are otherwise obtained through direct observations.

There is no minimum score. Rather, your strengths as well as areas in need of improvement will be taken into consideration along with the number correct. In this manner, your Provincial Director will gain further insight concerning your own and the organization's training needs.

The descriptions below outline these two volunteer roles.

• FIELD INVESTIGATOR TRAINEE

The person engages in an open-ended period of education in the UFO subject under the guidance of experienced individuals in order to become familiar with all aspects of case investigations. The trainee is expected to obtain and utilize the UFO Field Investigator's Manual and, whenever possible, assist in conducting investigations of UFO events reported by the public.

• FIELD INVESTIGATOR

After gaining considerable knowledge of the UFO subject through investigative experience, the person is invited to take the Field Investigator's Examination, a prerequisite to Field Investigator status. In this position, the person is expected to communicate to local public agencies his/her investigative availability, to follow up on all referrals, and to prepare and submit an extensive report on each completed case, using the guidelines contained in the UFO Field Investigator's Manual.

INVESTIGATION

The Carp Case - Part II -

- The MUFON Ontario Version -

By Errol Bruce-Knapp

The following morning, Graham Lightfoot, Oechsler and his son met and drove to the Labenek's home at Manion Corners near Carp, Ontario. Graham reintroduced himself and asked Diane Labenek if she remembered him. "Vaguely" she said, and then remembered their conversation about a bright light that had headed towards the swamp at the bottom of her field back in 1990.

When asked if she had seen anything strange since then, she described an event that happened in their field. It seems she was putting her children to bed one night in August 1991 and something caught her eye from the second floor bedroom.

Labenek described seeing what she thought was a fire, or perhaps flares burning at the far end of the field behind the house and as she watched, a 'craft' landed next to the fire/flares. "After a few minutes, maybe five or eight, the very bright lights on the craft went out - just like you turn off a light-bulb. And soon after, the flares went out. Then some minutes later, a helicopter came and hovered over the area - like they were looking for something" she said.

When she was asked later why she hadn't called the fire department about a 'fire' burning in her field, which was tinder dry in the August heat, she replied "I didn't think that anyone would believe and I thought I'd get into trouble!"

On Oechsler's next visit to the Labenek's, she was asked to draw what she had seen. She drew a craft that she described as being silver/grey, with a zig-zag design around it, sitting on three blocks which, coincidentally, matched a drawing that was in one of the Guardian packages (see MUFON Ontario Newsletter, Volume 1.1, page 14) - a drawing that she maintained she'd never seen.

Labenek was able to see an object and details that were over 2200 feet away in the dark and brightly lit from the bottom up. Guardian's video camera, which was closer, couldn't see the



Oechsler videotaping Graham

'thunderbolt insignia' around the 'craft' or the three 'blocks' beneath the craft. The video clearly shows the 'craft' to be red and not silver/grey.

MORE ON GUARDIAN'S VIDEO

In the version of Guardian's video that was sent to CUFORN, the Canadian UFO Research Network, the last three frames show a windshield with the wiper blades in an upright position. Why would Guardian put those frames that appear to have been shot at night with artificial light, on the tape? Were those frames designed to give a clue as to what the craft really was?

In the course of one of many discussions between the investigators, Tom Theofanous asked Oechsler what he thought about the windshield footage on Guardian's video. Oechsler replied that it wasn't a windshield but rather the design on the side of the 'craft'. Tom asked how he'd come to that conclusion? Oechsler replied "Well there's Diane's evidence together with my expertise in analysis - that's how."

Oechsler had once again brought up his 'qualifications and expertise', which he seemingly did and still does at the drop of a hat. Unfortunately, Oechsler's qualifications on the subject of windshields were definitely non-existent when compared to Tom's - he's been running a windshield repair company for the past seven years!

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FIELD INVESTIGATOR OESCHLER

Oechsler and Graham went out to the field after their first talk with Diane Labenek. The previous night, at a restaurant, Oechsler had claimed that he had found the 'landing site' and now insisted that they look for 'evidence'. He spotted an area of grass that had been "dug up during the landing". Graham, who works for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, patiently explained that skunks caused that kind of damage while looking for grubs.

Oechsler's biography touts his experience in dealing with the UFO phenomenon and his expertise in 'field work', an expertise not on display that day. "He seemed not to know what he was looking for or anything much about country nature" Graham observed later.

Oechsler's inexperience continued to show as he pointed to vegetation that had "been treated with microwave radiation"! How did he come to that conclusion without using any instruments? "It's very dry and brittle, so it's obviously been irradiated" Oechsler said.

The 'irradiated' plants were Juniper bushes that always look that way after a Canadian winter - bleached, dried and flattened by heavy snow, probably in much the same way as in Maryland, Oechsler's home-state.

Graham and Oechsler continued to examine what Oechsler was convinced was the landing site. He then asked Graham if he had anything to put samples in. Graham thought that it was extremely odd that an investigator of Oechsler's 'calibre' would show up with no sample containers and handed over some empty film canisters for Oechsler's samples.

On returning to Labenek's house later that day, Labenek told them that her husband Bill had "gone for milk" at around 10:00pm on the evening of the 'landing' and had missed it. Bill Labenek had been doing a 'milk-run' on the night in 1989 when there had been a 'crash' in their swamp.

He didn't seem to be at all concerned about what had transpired on his property on either occasion. He didn't bother to take the time to go look at the spot which his wife said had been a 'UFO landing site'.

Diane Labenek claims to have gone only part way into the field the day after the 'landing', looked briefly in the direction of the 'landing site', didn't see anything, and walked back to the house.



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She had told no one about what she saw that night until Graham and Oechsler asked her about it.

Why didn't she walk the remaining couple of hundred yards to where this 'amazing event' took place? She says that it was a beautiful summer evening too.

That evening Graham called Tom in Toronto and recounted the day's events. They discussed Oechsler and his amateurish approach to the investigation and observed that a pattern seemed to be emerging. It seemed that Oechsler was incompetent, egocentric and attempting to steer the case and its facts to fit in with his own agenda.

HELICOPTERS

As a follow-up to Diane Labenek's assertions about helicopter activity following the 'landing', Investigator Drew Williamson called the Department of National Defense (DND) on May 12, 1992. He was told that the military held exercises every August using helicopters and that they had to get permission from landowners for the choppers to land in their fields. If an emergency were to arise and a helicopter had to land DND would pay compensation for any damage caused.

On July 12, 1992, Graham made a number of calls to various military establishments to get information on helicopter activity. He was told that they don't use flares during landings at night, but do use Chem-Sticks that glow in the dark. Captain Mark Bigoutte said that although choppers were on exercise on August 19, 1991, they were many miles to the west of Manion Corners.

On July 13, 1992 Oechsler arrived back at Graham's place and the next day they went to Uplands Royal Canadian Airforce base and showed Colonel Cajo Brando and Major Norm Patterson the Guardian video - over and over.

Colonel Brando didn't think it was a helicopter and when shown a photograph taken by one of the Labenek children of a helicopter that

Diane Labenek maintained had 'buzzed' their home after the 'landing', he said, "It's not one ours, they were decommissioned (taken out of active-service) two years ago."

Brando suggested that it may have been an American chopper that had come across the border without notifying Canadian authorities - something which, apparently, happens often.

Later that day, Graham and Oechsler returned to the Labenek's and collected some fifteen soil and plant samples from the supposed 'landing' site. On a radio call-in show, March 30th '93, Oechsler claimed to have collected "over a hundred samples from all over the area!"

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

Oechsler, in a conversation with Graham and Tom expressed interest in getting the case on the 'Unsolved Mysteries' tv show, feeling that it might flush Guardian out. Tom countered that it might be better to further investigate the claims of the 'witnesses' before giving the case national tv exposure.

What neither Tom nor Graham knew at the time, was that Oechsler had already gone ahead and made a deal with Unsolved Mysteries to shoot a segment on the Carp Case in the fall.

In the following three months preparations were made for the shooting of the 'Unsolved' segment. Graham received many calls from and eventually met the tv show's Bob Kiviat and Bob Wise.

(Oechsler flew into Ottawa in mid October 1992 with the 'Unsolved' crew and interviewed Major Patterson about the Guardian 'Documents'.)

Graham, feeling as he did about Oechsler's 'slant' on the case was very reluctant to appear on the show and it took many calls from various production people to eventually talk him into appearing.

On November 15, 1992 participants in the Carp segment gathered at General Assembly for the taping. Graham met Bruce Macabbee for the first time and, to use his words, "was not very impressed." He put his contribution 'in the can' the next day at the Labenek's.

GUARDIAN REVEALED

In the course of a meeting on November 19, 1992 Graham learned that a man named Andy

Williams claimed that he knew who Guardian was. Graham and Oechsler arranged to meet with Williams the next day in Ottawa. Andy Williams explained that a friend of many years, Bobby Charlebois, had an on-going interest in UFOs and had called himself 'Guardian' over the course of those years. He went on to give details about Bobby Charlebois and his 'interests'.

Oechsler, inexplicably, gave Andy Williams much material regarding the Carp case.

On November 22nd, Graham discovered that a co-worker knew Bobby Charlebois well - his sister, Meg had dated the Guardian 'suspect'. Graham talked with Meg and she confirmed that Charlebois was an avid UFO buff and had discussed the phenomenon on many occasions in the past.

Despite having signed an 'exclusive' with Unsolved Mysteries to not do another show until 30 days after their 'airing' of the Carp Case, Oechsler records a segment for 'Sightings' in January of 1993 without telling Graham until after the fact.

Interestingly, Dr. A.J. Quarington a 'witness' participates in 'Sightings' after avoiding to meet or even discuss the case with Graham and Clive Nadin (the former Director of MUFON Ontario) in the early stages of the investigation.

FINGERPRINTS

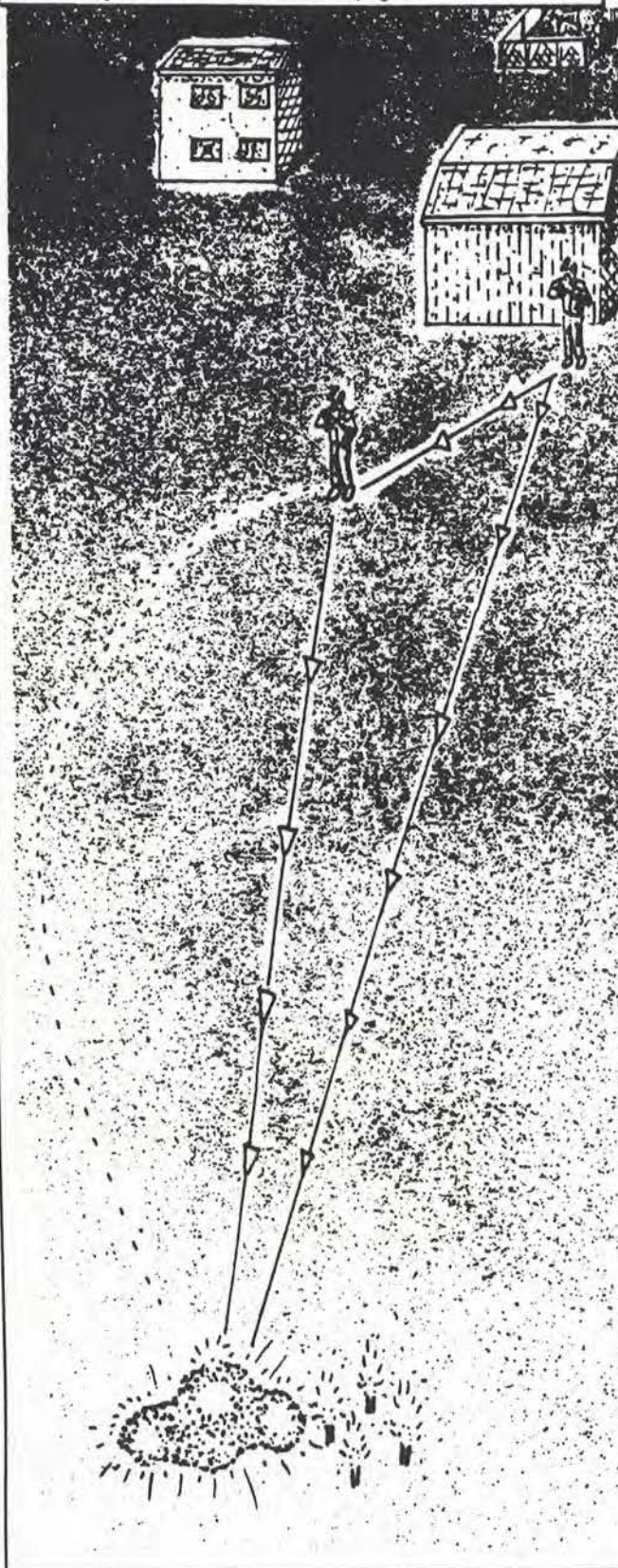
On February 1, 1993 Oechsler and Graham meet with reporter Lois Tuffin, who also knows Bobby Charlebois well. Oechsler asked her to deliver a large package of UFO material to Charlebois in the hopes of getting his fingerprints. She did so, but the package was returned to her an hour later.

The following day Oechsler collected the package from Lois and took it to the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) to have it checked for fingerprints. There were none and the feeling was that Charlebois had out-smarted them, wiping the package clean. It seems that Charlebois has something to hide.

Diane Labenek, on hearing Bobby Charlebois' name said that she had known him "for a while" and that he was a good friend who visited often.

Oechsler asked her to try and get Charlebois' fingerprints from any drinking glasses that he might use. Labenek claimed that Charlebois always wiped them clean.

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- Guardian was approx. 1600 feet from 'craft' and close to the fence when he started to shoot the 'craft' - this according to Oechsler.
- He recorded from that spot for 2 - 3 minutes then walked diagonally across the field toward its centre and shot for another 2 - 3 minutes. There were no flares visible in the second scene only smoke.
- He then walked either directly toward or in an arc toward the 'craft' and shot it from the side angle. The flares are behind and to the left of the 'craft' - although from the cameras viewpoint they appear to be side by side.
- The videos total running time is between 7 - 8 minutes with several stops and starts. One sequence has an audio track that sounds completely different to the others on the tape - is if it were recorded elsewhere and dubbed in later.
- Diane Labenek's observation that the 'craft' departed first and then the flares went out makes both the video and her 'story' suspect.

The accompanying illustration is not to scale and is based on the assumptions made by Oechsler after his 'thorough analysis' of the video.

To be continued....

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There were two indentations, each measuring nine feet in diameter and both were 16 feet apart, from center to center.

I interviewed the property owner and his best friend, who had been the first ones to discover the circles. They told me that the people who took the first photographs described the circles as having a sand-blasted effect on the spot where the gravel was blown away, revealing the limestone underneath. This explains why the circles' outlines are irregular and not perfectly round.

As I took a closer look at each doughnut-shaped indentation, I noticed that the gravel and sand in the centre and on the perimeter had hardened because unlike the surface, which could easily be swept with a broom, I had to use a scraper to remove some of the gravel. I left it intact but that's how hard it was, as it had been fused together.

I used a compass to see if there were any magnetic anomalies but nothing happened. There was no evidence of burns or scorching. Except for tiny little scratches, the surface of the rock was absolutely smooth.

Since June 1991, I've gone back to the site on three separate occasions to see if the circles would still be there and I've had to use the photos as reference to locate them because a layer of gravel was covering them. With the use of a brush, I swept away the loose gravel from the hard surface to uncover the indentations. They hadn't changed a bit since September 1990!

It is my personal opinion that if this were a hoax, it would probably have been made in a field to resemble the crop circles found in England.

Because of the prevalent news reports of crop circles on television and in the newspapers at that time, the hoaxers would have tried to do the same, not knowing at all what physical landing trace would look like if it were done on solid rock and gravel.

The simple fact that the site itself is hidden from view and away from the main road also supports my conclusion that this is no hoax. True cause? Unknown!

As of this writing, the 80 year-old property owner has since passed away and his best friend, who is in his early 80s, has been put in a nursing home. The gate to the property has been locked up and there is no way for me to see if the circles are still there today.

There are a great number of sighting reports that have come from Manitoulin Island and I have newspaper clippings that show that 1975 was a very good year for UFO sighting reports, specially for Manitoulin Island...and Sudbury. But that's another story!

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UFO LECTURES

Balance Marketing, a Toronto based firm announced the first in a series of eight lectures on UFO updates to take place at the O.I.S.E. Auditorium, 252 Bloor Street West in Toronto.

1. May 26, 1994 at 7:45pm - Nuclear Physicist, Stanton Friedman - Flying Saucers are Real.
2. June 9, 1994 - David Gotlib MD, Psychiatrist Abductions: The professional P.O.V..
3. June 23, 1994 - Chris Rutkowski, University of Manitoba - Canadian UFOs.
4. July 7, 1994 - Tom Theofanous & Mike Hamilton - Abductions: The Investigators and Abductees P.O.V..
5. July 21, 1994 - John Robert Colombo, Canada's Master Gatherer - The Seven Eras of Ufology.

The program is open to the public and MUFON members are entitled to a 25% discount on the ticket price.

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Scientific Studies of Unidentified Flying Objects

By Chris Rutkowski

One criticism sometimes leveled at ufology is that it isn't a "real" science. After all, you can't study UFOs, only UFO reports. The elusive chunks of interstellar spacecraft are still unavailable for analysis; thus any scientific study within ufology is impossible.

Or is it? Certainly, if the extraterrestrial hypothesis is the only acceptable theory of UFO origin, the nuts-and-bolts approach can't provide the hard data. (But even this point is debatable.)

Are there any scientific studies within ufology that can be conducted and yield useful results? The answer is yes.

The following are 12 suggested research projects in ufology:

1. Even if we assume that UFOs aren't physical craft, the fact that there continue to be reports is quite interesting. What are the psychological and/or sociological factors that are involved? This question has not been adequately addressed in nearly 50 years of study.
2. Are some UFOs really caused by natural electro-magnetic radiated energy? Michael Persinger and Paul Devereux have both published articles contending that witnesses have seen EM energy as luminous nocturnal lights (NLS); they also claim that such energy affects our brains so that we hallucinate UFO experiences. Both the Persinger and Devereux versions have been largely ignored by scientists; yet they do raise possible explanations of some cases. I do not agree with their interpretations; still, in theory it is scientifically possible that some form of EM effect can create UFO-like experiences.
3. After Herbert Strentz's original but now dated study of how media create UFO flaps, there has been no examination of how tabloid journalism influences UFO-reporting.
4. David M. Jacobs' excellent history *The UFO Controversy in America* (1975) is now nearly 20 years old. It's time for a sequel.
5. Abduction stories are interesting, and the subject of a great deal of controversy. What is needed is a survey of both sides of the issue. We also need to take into consideration the role, present and potential, of the vociferous False Memory Syndrome Foundation. Exactly how can we deal with persons who report UFO abductions given the evidence for the existence of false memory?
6. Statistical studies of UFO reports can give us an idea of where UFO sightings occur, their frequency, who reports them, and general characteristics of the objects seen. While there are a number of databases in existence, the results of real number-crunching of these data are not widely known. Enough has been done in this regard that we now can actually test hypotheses. The postulating and testing of hypotheses is standard scientific methodology. Some testable hypotheses: "The number of witnesses per UFO report is an average of 2.33." "Nocturnal lights comprise 60% of all UFO reports." "The proportion of NLS to close-encounter cases is a constant" and so on.
7. Though it is largely assumed that people's perceptions of UFOs are greatly in error, there have been comparatively few studies devoted to outdoor tests of observational capabilities in the context of UFOs. There have been studies of both autokinesis and autostasis, but a dedicated study of observations of distant (500m+) light sources and perceived distances and other characteristics would be useful in understanding misidentifications.
8. Gallup polls are interesting. They seem to show that more persons believe UFOs are real than not. Pollsters have conducted breakdowns according to education, gender, and so on, but could a more rigorous survey give us additional information on how UFO beliefs manifest in our society? Can varying the phrasing of the questions affect the results, or is this belief firmly rooted in the populace, irrespective of how the questions are posed?

9. Further studies are needed to establish how common UFO sightings really are within the subject pool of experienced sky observers: pilots, amateur astronomers, and ornithologists, among others. The Peter Sturrock and Gert Herb surveys provided us with some useful insights, but a more comprehensive survey should be performed.
10. UFO-report data are proving useful to individuals who seek to prove that the Aurora stealth plane is actually flying. UFO reports have been used to suggest that the plane is being tested over populated areas and can be tracked by interpreting UFO sightings and tracking patterns of sonic booms. If UFO data can be used constructively by aviation specialists in this manner, then the data are inherently useful.
11. UFO reports are also being used to study the phenomenon of earthquake lights which precede seismic events. The gathering of NL reports is one way in which geophysicists are trying to understand this natural phenomenon. What other natural mysteries do NLs signify?
12. Fireball-reporting networks often rely on UFO-like reports that describe short-duration, green teardrop-shaped objects to provide information on bolide frequency. Again, the collecting of UFO data can provide significant clues to scientists, in this case astronomers.

These are just 12 suggestions on how research on UFOs can be scientifically acceptable and useful, even if we remove the ETH from consideration. The UFO phenomenon doesn't seem to want to go away. This alone should suggest it deserves some serious attention from the scientific community. Some of these ideas are already being acted upon at institutions around the world.

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HISTORY

Project Magnet - Ottawa

With a view toward discovering new technologies in, unusual magnetic phenomena, Wilbert B. Smith of the Broadcast and Measurements Section, Telecommunications Division of the Ministry of Transport, sent a memorandum to Commander C.P. Edwards, Deputy Minister of Transport for Air Services.

The memorandum suggested that a study of the "geo-magnetics" could explain the extraordinary flight patterns observers claimed for flying saucers. Smith had learned on a visit to Washington, D.C., from a Defense Research Board liaison officer at the Canadian Embassy, that the Americans knew flying saucers exist' and were studying them under the strictest secrecy. Smith's memorandum to Commander Edwards was dated 21 November 1950. Smith received Commander Edwards' "go ahead" on December 2.

Instead of building a "pilot power plant" for extracting energy from the Earth's magnetic field as he expected to do, Smith spent a great deal of time collecting reports of flying saucer sightings and gathering surplus equipment for a flying saucer observatory at Shirleys Bay. Smith was instrumental in gathering reports from Department of Transport officials across Canada.

He summarized the most interesting twenty-five sightings for the Project Magnet Report. The conclusion that Smith came to was that "the vehicles are probably extra-terrestrial." Such a conclusion from a private individual merited no particular attention, but coming in a government report, required some explanation. As if that was not enough, there was the publicity that followed his announcement that a flying saucer had been detected over Shirleys Bay on 8 August 1954. Neither the conclusion of his report nor the announced sighting pleased the Ministry of Transport.

Project Magnet, which was largely a part-time activity of Smith's, was officially ended in 1954 after running for four years. Although Smith was permitted to continue his work on flying saucers, he would henceforth do it in an unofficial capacity and on his own time. The work continued until his death in 1962.

INVESTIGATION

A FAMILY AFFAIR IN SARNIA, ONTARIO

By Sue Kovios

Date - January, 1992 to Current

Investigator - Dorothy Lewis, Sarnia, Ontario.

On January 12, 1992 a young boy named Craig Laws (age 11) returned home from tobogganing on the snow banks at nearby St. Clair High School. He was out of breath and as white as a ghost as he proceeded to explain to his mother, Marjory, the unusual event that he had just witnessed.

On his way to the school, which is located behind the Laws' house in a residential area of Lambton County, Craig observed in the sky a foggy white thin line materialize like a comet tail. He continued to observe this "thing" while walking and as it got lower, it turned orange. It was between 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., the half-moon was visible and the sky was clear of cloud formations. As he continued to walk it continued to lower and hover with no noise, turning reddish-orange and increase in size in the form of a rectangle with a dash at each end (approx. 1½ times the size of the school and much bigger than the top of the CN Tower in Toronto). It also created an obvious distance between it and the moon and seemed to follow him.

Craig, becoming frightened, gave up on tobogganing and ran home with this "thing" following him as it ascended. Once in the house Craig could not see it through the window.

Mrs. Laws did make an inquiry with the airport and was given a jovial response.

Since we so often awake with no recollection of our "dreams" could this sighting be the triggering factor in Craig's recollection of a "dream" he thus reported having "prior" to the sighting and subsequent dreams thereafter? There have also been obvious physical marks that appeared and psychological changes such as bad temper, memory loss (i.e. being a good Math



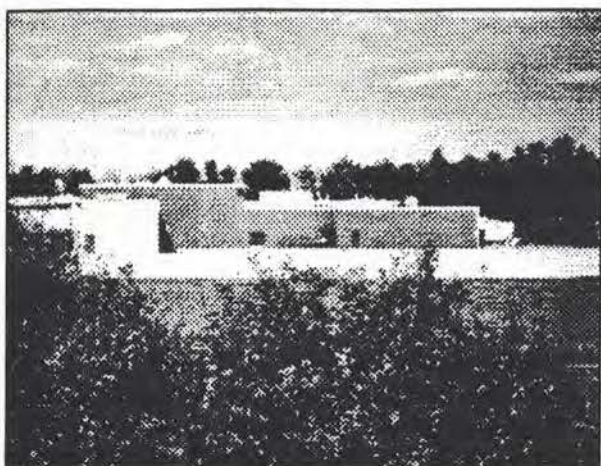
Craig describing the sighting

student, this annoyed Craig) with inconclusive explanations.

As Craig recalled in this first dream, he was pursued by a red Saturn-type object (identi-chart). After this dream a large pimple developed on Craig's outer ear which took a long time to heal after a doctor excised it.

In Craig's second dream (after the sighting), he saw a flash of white light, then felt like he was floating towards a craft through his room and out in the yard. Once inside the craft which he described as being smoky like a vapor, he was on a table with creatures around him, a bright light shone in his face, and he heard a drill-like sound.

These creatures (aliens) were sloe-eyed, had large skulls and pinkish-gray skin with no clothing. He saw the white light again and was back in bed asleep. Craig was asked to draw what the aliens looked like: (he compared it to a human skull being similar except for the eyes).



St. Clair High School

Craig stated he wasn't afraid during these dreams and admitted he enjoyed floating around. He thought it was "great".

Craig did however state his mother told him he was always terrified of stars in the sky since he was (3) which she had never heard of before.

Investigator Dorothy Lewis stated in her report these dreams could be induced "out-of-body" experiences. Perhaps the lack of fear is the result of "a tranquilizing effect of an alien technology that takes merciful control of the mind" (The Watchers, (1991), R. Fowler, pg. 142).

Craig also described seeing other things come down and seeing these creatures as if he was dreaming. One instance he "awoke" and ran down the stairs to the front door. He could see a few craft, one bigger than the rest, gray in color, hovering outside above his head like they were just watching him and then they left. He could see a creature inside one of them.

The family has a cat and dog who were both very friendly to Dorothy upon her arrival to do the investigation, but there was one incident after one of Craig's dreams in which the dog had a sudden change in temperament.

While he played hockey in the basement, the dog stood at the top of the stairs, growled and barked viciously. When Craig gently approached her she tore across the kitchen and he followed her into the living room. She was shaking but then calmed down with some patting.

He had never seen her like that in her 8 years with the family.

Craig clarified that the appearance of (3) deep red scratches toward the right side of his chest were not a result from the dog's behavior (or from the cat). These scratches had ridges as though caused by pinching (which were still somewhat visible during the investigation which was a few months after the incident).

There was yet another incident where the dog reacted to something with a growl.

On January 26, 1992, Mrs. Laws, while lying in bed about 1:30 a.m., saw a bright white light through her heavy curtains to which the dog reacted. It was concluded that car headlights would not cause this effect. She then fell into a very deep sleep.

The next morning Craig said he had a strange dream but she declined to hear it. The previous night at approximately 7:45 p.m. Craig, Mrs. Laws and her daughter witnessed a craft in the sky. It moved out of the path of an airplane and back again. And for about an hour it followed the children to and from the high school. It was reddish-orange with a spindle shape.

Again on February 11, 1992 towards 8:30 p.m. the three witnessed a craft hover above the house for a short time.

Investigator Dorothy Lewis keeps in touch with the Laws family and has suggested hypnotic regression to them. She reports there are some new developments, one being near the end of the first week of March, this year.

Mrs. Laws, who was employed with the Coast Guard, now does volunteer work in the same capacity. She awoke one morning feeling groggy and sluggish. While getting ready to go to work she felt some discomfort and noticed deep red scratches under her left breast and on her back. She could not recall how this could've happened.

She inquired at work if the machinery she works on could've caused these scratches but realized her heavy clothing (coveralls over top track suit) would protect her from such markings. Dorothy will advise of her findings from her investigation.

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Forester's Falls Sightings....

By Graham Lightfoot

Community folk lore in Ottawa Valley, tell tales of strange lights and objects in the night sky, as well as unexplained crop circles in the surrounding farmland. These tales have been handed down from generation to generation..... Mrs. Winnie Bennet 82 years old, tells a story that was told to her by her mother which occurred sometime before 1889.

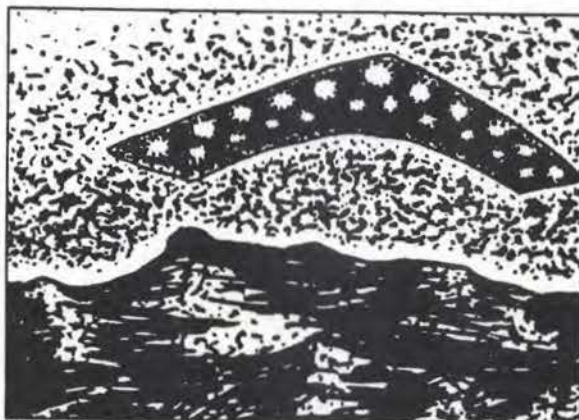
As the story goes, when Winnie's mother was a young girl she lived in a large stone house just South of the village of Forester's Falls with her parents. One evening the family noticed a bright yellow light falling from the sky in the west towards their house. In fear they ran outside and saw the object land behind a small frame barn. The light was so bright that the barn appeared to be on fire.

They could see machinery inside the barn through the walls, and the timber structure of the barn stood out as if there were no siding boards.

Winnie Bennet has her own tale of a sighting on the night of February 8, 1993. She observed from her upstairs bedroom window a large circular light. She watched it for about twenty minutes.

While driving home from Beachburg, Helen Eckford and her daughter Shelly, also saw a bright light in the sky, West of Forester's Falls, near the intersection of City Roads 21 and 7. Helen stopped her van and got out to observe the light. She stated that there was no sound and that the object had a large bright light, two flashing green lights and one red light. Helen and Shelly observed the object moving towards Forester's Falls. They stated that although the light went out that they could see large boomerang-shaped object in the clear starlit sky.

Helen and Shelly proceeded to follow the object towards Forester's Falls. They stated that the object flew across the village toward the mill pond and began to emit the bright lights once again. Then the object moved back across the village and stopped over the farmyard of Warren Boese.



Artwork by Charles Courville

Warren Boese (a pilot and mechanic for Pemm Air), greeted Helen and Shelly as they drove into his yard. He stated that the object seemed to be about 200 feet above the ground, appeared flat along the bottom and had colored lights as well as a bright white light. While looking through binoculars, Warren added that the object has a cluster of individual lights, which sent forth very bright light. In his opinion, the object was not an aircraft, it was something else.

His mother Doris, who lives across the road also observed the object through binoculars and stated that it looked like a crystal ball with a frisbee type edge of solid light. She said it seemed to change shape and it was jiggling all over the place.

Helen stated that when she began to drive home the object appeared to follow her. Warren confirms the light left when Helen departed. Driving West towards Cobden the light proceeded ahead of her vehicle towards Muskrat Lake and then towards Rankin. Helen stated that she watched the light for a total of an hour and a half and felt that the object was also watching her.

As well as Mrs. Bennet, the Boese family and Mrs. Eckford and her daughter Shelly, more than a dozen people saw a strange light in the sky around Forester's Falls the night of February 8, 1993.

A worker at the Timminco mine, near Haley Station went outside during the evening shift. During coffee break he told his co-workers he had seen a strange shaped moon to the north of Forester's Falls. He said "it looked triangular." His buddies kidded him that the moon was never north of the mine, and besides it wasn't even up yet.

Before the Eckford story became public in the local press, a young man and woman totally unrelated, and living 50 Kms apart, had the same dream..... the young woman, living on a farm about four miles from Forester's Falls, dreamt that a bright light came out of the east and landed over a small pond in her pasture south of the barn. She said the object was a cluster of lights, 'like a round chandelier'. The individual lights were so distinct she could see etchings on each light 'as if scratched on an ice cube'. When she awoke she gave little thought to the dream.

The young man near Amprior woke up in a sweat from a strange dream which is still vivid in his memory. He saw a bright light falling from the east which landed. He said the light was up in the Forester's Falls area. His description of the site included two bush areas on the skyline with open fields in between. He remembers standing on a road looking east and watching the object which was a cluster of bright little lights as it landed.

The dream continued to haunt the young man, until, about a week later he drove to an area in forester's falls. Walking along the roadside he found two distinct areas of bush on the skyline which he remember in his dream. He continued until he found the area that he believed to be the exact spot in his dream. "The lights came down over that clump of bush," he said. Hidden by snow, the young man could not know that the bush was surrounding a pond which was described in his dream.

There have been several other sightings in the Upper Ottawa Valley. One which is of interest happened in 1970 over Chalk River. Staff working at the nuclear facility reported severe power losses as they saw several lights moving over the area.

Crop circles were also found in several areas during 1970/71, some across the river from Chalk River on the Quebec side, others near Lake Dore outside of Eganville. A circle was visible on the side of Meath Hill, south of Pembroke for years until the new alignment of Highway 17 wiped most of it out. Three years ago a large circle of flattened hay appeared in a field, once again, not far from Forester's Falls.

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Jupiter

Fiery Comet on a crash course

According to Associated Press the doomed comet Shoemaker-Levy, set to collide with Jupiter in July, has already broken into 20 tad-pole-like fragments. The image released last week was photographed by the refurbished Hubble Space Telescope.

The comet was also photographed before the NASA's Planetary Camera was repaired, and comparisons show that the orientations of four of the fragments, the largest of which have a diameter of about four kilometers, have changed dramatically in the six-month span between the two exposures.

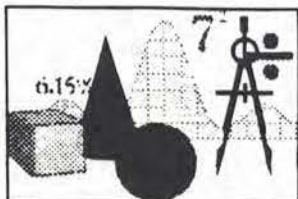
The Hubble will continue to take periodic pictures of the comet and will be trained on Jupiter for the big event. Such a collision has never before been recorded. Galileo, another NASA probe, also will be trained on the planet to document the collision.

Scientists are unable to say what observers will be able to see. The fragments will hit the planet just beyond the visible horizon as seen from Earth. But the explosions are expected to be so large (the force of 100 million hydrogen bombs) and the flashes so bright that the light of them will reflect off Jupiter's moons.

The comet broke up in the summer of 1992 from the tidal forces of Jupiter when it passed the gaseous planet. It was discovered by Gene and Carolyn Shoemaker, a husband-and-wife team at the U.S. Geological Survey in Flagstaff, Ariz., and by David Levy, a Tucson astronomer.

Hubble project scientist Ed Weiler says the small size of the fragments will test the theory that the comet that struck Earth and wiped out the dinosaurs 70 million years ago was about the same size.

"We heard every dinosaur On Jupiter is trying to get out" says Dr. Weiler.



REFLECTIONS

Methodologies

By Victor Lourenco

In the March 1994 issue of the MUFON Journal there was an interesting letter to the Editor under the title "Scientific Credibility" by Stuart Appelle, Ph.D. MUFON Consultant.

Electronics and UFOs are two topics that have been part of my life for almost 20 years. I always considered the first as a scientific subject which follows a logical evaluative pattern.

Over the years I realized that trying to play with geometry by drawing a parallelism between UFOs and every other area of science was a total failure.

If Ufology is to be brought up to a status of Science then a return to elementary principles is required. Methodology is a key factor of any analytical, logical research and development of ideas.

On that matter, I would like to focus on the following additions to Stuart Appelle's points of view.

- The utilization of random, biased comments without meticulous basis that might transcend a scientific methodology, only contributes to a generalized negative evaluation from the scientific community and the public in general.

Ex: Bob Oechsler's speculation about Titanium readings of Carp soil samples, when these were absolutely within normal values.

- Communicating degrading comments or confrontations as a result of personal differences, beliefs or opinions represents a lack of rudimentary principles.

Ex: Low key degrading accusations about Dr. Willy Smith because he provided a different opinion about his Gulf Breeze photo findings.

- Lack of persistent stigmatization of collected material as means of providing an evolutionary

continuity within the process of explainable alternatives.

Ex: Continuous update on terrestrial technology as a means of narrowing misidentifications.

- Rejection of alleged neutralities when the objective behind it is a subtle presentation of speculative material with the purpose of entertaining and reinforcing psycho-sociologic folklore traditions."

Ex: Presentation of witnesses perceived events without any substantiated analytical theorization from the investigator.

- Reinforcement of objectivity, common sense and dialectic critique during the selection process of relevant material for scientific analysis.

Ex: Soil samples, photos, etc., being collected and sent for analysis when cases show a low index of probability.

- Constant fight against passivity and confusion when dealing with doubtful situations or apparent illogical evaluation patterns.

Ex: Dare to make logical and conventional statements without fear of being subjected to inside critiques.

- Verification of psycho-sociologic factors as a predominant characteristic within the multiplicity of the existent variables of the abduction scenario. Applicable rupture if needed with empirical and pre-defined concepts shaped by predominant individuals in the community.

Ex: Matter over Mind as predominant dialectic methodology. Physical evidence to corroborate abduction scenario. Social, cultural and financial reasons behind its questionable perpetuation.

Summarizing: It's difficult to maintain a parallelism between two lines when they represent objective and virtual realities.

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UFO Abductions and the Forensic Scientist



By John Schuessler, M.S.

For a number of years the victims of UFO abductions have been frustrated in trying to prove what has happened to them during their abduction experience. At first, all they could do was find a friend that would provide support and then live with the trauma for the rest of their lives. More often than not that friend was a UFO investigator who was willing to put the time and energy into the case to document it for the historical record.

Soon the psychologists and other practitioners got into the act, offering regressive hypnosis as a tool for discovering what had happened by stripping away the blocking mechanisms that prevented the victims from understanding what had happened to them. These same practitioners were then in a good position to help the victims recover from the trauma and to live a normal life. Once the help was available, hundreds of abductees came forward to relate their experiences.

Now the abduction field is ready for another quantum leap in change. Forensic medicine and police forensic lab experts can provide the tools necessary to prove beyond a shadow of doubt whether or not the abductee has been in an alien environment or touched by their abductors (gray, nordic, big nose, or other).

These experts can do their job using either generous or minuscule samples taken from the skin, orifices, hair or clothes of the abductee.

For example, many abductees have told how they were immersed in or bathed with some type of fluid. The forensic scientist can work from a small skin sample to determine the type of fluid involved and the effects it would have on the human organism.

Most abductees describe the environment inside the UFO where they have been taken against their will. Now the forensic scientist can work from sample of the clothing to identify all sorts of facts about that environment. That means it is necessary to place the clothing worn during the abduction in a sealed plastic bag as soon as possible after the event. In this way, particles from the UFO environment will be trapped and available for the researcher.

Some abductees, both male and female, report being forced to have sex with their alien partners. Now, the forensic scientist can help them in the same way a hospital rape lab does for the rape victim. It takes only a small sample of material from a mucus membrane to reveal a lot of information.

Just the fact that the alien touched the victim may be enough to reveal facts about the alien. Secretions from the alien's skin will be on the victim's skin and can be analyzed.

At times, the aliens touch various objects in the victims bedroom, car, shelter, etc. This means that the forensic scientist could have a treasure trove of surfaces to examine for the alien's fingerprints. While they may not look like human prints, they will have a pattern and also will leave an invisible, but detectable residue.

In the future, when the abduction victim breaks out in an aggravating rash on various parts of his or her body as a result of having physical contact with the alien or a piece of furniture in the alien's environment, the forensic scientist may be able to analyze what is trapped in the pores of the victim's skin and determine the source of the rash. Perhaps this will lead to a treatment for the rash as well.

Abduction investigators need to shift their focus now to include the use of the tools of the forensic scientist. In this way, the needs of the victim may be best served.

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